

The Cloud Family

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ROBERT CLOUD, (William), son of William Clodd, Sr. was born in England, and was in Pennsylvania at an early date, probably coming with his father to Pennsylvania in 1682. About 9 mo. 8, 1684, he received a warrant for 200 acres of land, which was located in Chichester township, Chester County, and surveyed 7 mo. 23, 1685. He sold this land to his brother William Cloud in 1686, and later returned to England.

Among the Chester County Court Records is found the following entry:

"Robert Cloud had a Pass granted to him to depart this Province, dated y^e 28th day of y^e 9th month, 1685, his Brother Wm Cloud of Concord being his security to safe y^e Country Harmlesse."

A minute of this kind is very rare in the records. Robert Cloud seems to have delayed his going for some time, as at a Court held the 3rd day of the 1st week in the 1st month, 1685, (March, 1686), it was

"Ordered that the Sheriff take into custody the body of David Lewis upon suspicion of Treason, as alsoe y^e body of Robert Cloud for Concealing y^e same, for that the said Robert Cloud being attested before this Court, declared that upon the 3d day of the week before Christmas last, at the house of George Foreman, the said David Lewis did declare in his hearing that he was accused for being concerned with the Duke of Monmouth in the West Country." (in England.)

Robert Dyer became surety for David Lewis, and William Cloud for his son Robert, for their appearance at the next Provincial Court, to be held at Philadelphia, the 10th of 2d month, 1686, to answer the charges.

Robert Cloud had returned to Wiltshire, England, in 1688, as William Hitchcock, in a letter dated at "Marlborough, y^e 30th day of y^e 6th month, 1688," and written to John Harding, says, "thy letter bearing date y^e 11th of y^e 12th month & y^e 11th day I did receive y^e 9th day of y^e 4th month & y^e same day I paid at sight thy bill sixteen pounds to him on thy account & y^e same day Robert Cloude on sight of thy bill ten shillings both met (messed) here together one day."

It seems altogether probable that Robert Cloud remained in England until the year 1699, in which year he seems to have returned to Pennsylvania, as inferred for the following entry in the minutes of the Friends Quarterly Meeting at Philadelphia, dated 2d 10 month, 1700: